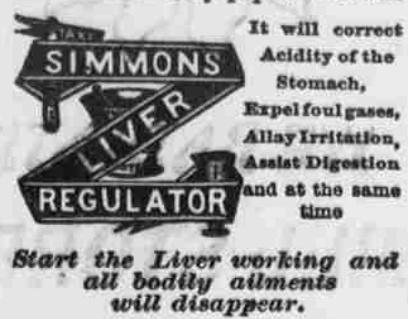


DYSPEPSIA

Is that misery experienced when suddenly made aware that you possess a diabolical arrangement called stomach. No two dyspeptics have the same predominant symptoms, but whatever form dyspepsia takes

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Names of Several Daughters.
A woman spending the summer in an isolated farmhouse was much amused by the rather masculine sound of the names of her host's six daughters. This was the explanation offered: "Well, you see, me an my wife wanted to name the children after our brothers. She had three an I two. We neither on us had any sisters. My wife's a pretty smart woman 'bout most everything, but the way she twisted them names an made 'em do for girls did beat all. We never had any boys. There's Willis for my eldest brother Bill, Thomasine for Tom, Charline for Charlie, Joseph for Joe and Roberta for Bob. Well, when the sixth came, my father said we ought to name one after him, since we had twisted the uncle's names round."

"I tell you Nicodemus was a pouter, and we didn't want to slight the old man. Finally my wife hit on Nicodemus. There was a young fellow from New York boardin here, and he thought Nicodemus would be a good name. He said it was a real name and showed it to us in a book he was readin. I think my wife would have done it, for she rather liked the sound, but my oldest daughter wa'n't quite sure about the young fellow; thought he might be makin a little fun. So we stuck to Nicodemus."—New York Times.

The Carbons Banyan Tree.
Botanists long ago voted the banyan tree of India a place in the catalogue of wonderful vegetable production. In its infancy it resembles other trees in having a single stem or trunk and a dense head of foliage. As the tree increases in size, however, the branches spread out horizontally to such a wondrous extent that they would be unable to support themselves had not nature come to the rescue with a remarkable provision. To supply the necessary support the branches of the parent stem throw out here and there small fibrous shoots, which immediately begin growing downward toward the earth. In a surprisingly short time they reach the ground and take root and gradually increase in size until they sometimes rival the original trunk itself.

This new trunk, with its numerous fibrous roots, renews the whole life of the tree. Other new limbs and shoots are rapidly thrown out until finally what was originally a single tree trunk becomes a considerable forest, each limb and shoot of which are curiously connected. Dr. Roxburgh, the great East Indian traveler, says that he has seen forests a thousand yards in diameter which had all grown from one parent stem.—St. Louis Republic.

Not Anything You Like.
One interested in the subject, having an ax to grind, could without much difficulty prove that every known edible has at some time or other been declared digestible and healthful. Let the experimenter eat with his (or her) eyes shut, and he (or she) will be backed up in what is chosen by some respectable authority. This being so, the wisest plan is to select food according to the private palate utterly without regard to Drs. A. B. or C. (since Drs. X., Y. and Z. will infallibly dispute them), and with the eye of faith fixed on that good day when all digestion will be carried on by artificial means and the whole world may be in that lovely state attributed to George Meredith's gourmet, who is pictured in after dinner ease as "languidly twinking stomachic contentment."—Hartford Courant.

A Venomous Bird.
New Guinea has the credit of producing the only venomous bird known to ornithologists—the roir n'doob, or "bird of death." There is no antidote to the bite of this bird, which causes excruciating pains in every part of the body, loss of sight, convulsions, lockjaw and certain death within two hours.—St. Louis Republic.

COST OF ELECTRICAL COOKING.

A Southern Estimate of the Expense of Preparing a Meal at Home.

As to the cost of electric cooking, a few figures from a letter to the London Electrical Review are pertinent. The writer of this letter refers to the fact that there are a large number of cooking operations where the heat has to be applied for short periods of time and only at such points where it is actually required. It is to such operations that electricity is especially applicable owing to the quick and ready way it will furnish heat. Cooking operations, such as baking, would seem to be unadapted for electric heating owing to length of time heating must be continued, but attention is called to the fact that the oven being entirely closed there is need for a full current only for the time necessary to bring the oven up to the proper temperature, and that only one-fourth of the original current is necessary to maintain the heat and carry on the cooking.

The writer of the letter referred to has conducted a number of experiments in electric cooking, and his results are taken for our estimate, which is based upon the cost of electric power in southern stations. Electric power for heating and cooking, we think, could be obtained at motor power rates, especially as cooking is generally performed during the day, when the electric current is not needed for lights. This rate among our southern stations is generally below 10 cents per 1,000 Watt hours—being about 7 cents on an average. Taking our usual pressure of 50 volts, the unit of 1,000 Watt hours would give 20 amperes for one hour, which would cost 7 cents. The electric toaster will toast two large slices of bread thoroughly in one minute. The toaster will consume 14 amperes at 50 volts. Allowing 15 minutes, one could readily toast a loaf of bread at a cost for electric power of 11.6 cents. The electric griller will cook four chops in 12 minutes, using 12 amperes at 50 volts, and if one allowed 15 minutes in all (three minutes for heating griller) our heat for this operation will cost us a fraction over 1 cent. A pint of water can be boiled for about six-tenths of a cent, and so on. From these figures it can be seen that a good breakfast, with chops, eggs, toast and coffee for four, could be cooked at a cost for heat of about 6 cents.

The ease and certainty with which the heat can be raised or a fixed temperature maintained make electrical heating the par excellence method of cooking. For instance, in roasting or baking the heat can be maintained so regularly all around the electric oven and so uniformly that it is not necessary to baste the meat or to turn the bread while cooking. If we consider with this the advantage of the freedom from smoke, smell, dirt and waste heat, and the readiness and ease with which heat is obtained, we can certainly say that electrical heating, all things considered, is cheap and desirable.—Dixie.

Senator Wolcott's Wonderful Wardrobe.
Mr. Wolcott is the only man in the senate who claims to be dressy. He has an extraordinary collection of clothing, and he probably spends not less than \$10,000 a year on dress. I know of one year when he sent a check for \$2,500 in March to a New York firm that makes his clothing, and this represented only what he had ordered since Jan. 1.

In his house at Washington Mr. Wolcott has one room of fair size, fitted with shelves like a dry goods shop, devoted entirely to the storage of clothing. Another room adjoining is devoted to shoes, of which Mr. Wolcott has almost a countless number. When he takes off a suit of clothing, his valet brushes it, folds it and lays it away on a shelf. When he takes off a pair of shoes, a "form" is slipped into each of them before they are put in their places in the shoe room, so that they may not lose their shape.

Mr. Wolcott never wears the same suit two days in succession. He seldom wears a suit more than once a month. He has a new suit made every week. Mr. Wolcott is in strong contrast with the average senator, who has one suit made in the fall and another in the spring, and who gets through the year with one change of clothing.—Philadelphia Times.

Foreign and American Pearl Fishers.
The beautiful pink and bronze pearls from Wisconsin are becoming very scarce. The pearl bearing mollusks in Wisconsin streams are practically fished out, as they have been out of almost all the waters in this country where pearls have been found in any considerable numbers. European fishers open the shells with an instrument that does not destroy the animal inside, and if no pearl is found it is put back into the water. The American pearl fisher destroys ruthlessly, and in two or three years he has thrown himself out of a job.—San Francisco Argonaut.

How the Siamese Dispose of Their Dead.
Cremation of the dead is general in Siam. Those who die a usual death may be cremated at once. Those who die of cholera, commit suicide or die by accident must first be buried. Victims of capital punishment are thrown to dogs and vultures.—Philadelphia Press.

THE COPPER WAS GAY.

But He Couldn't Fool the Daughter of the Chief of Police.

He was a St. Paul policeman. He stood on the corner knocking flies from the back of his neck and looking wise. A sweet little miss, apparently of 22 summers and with an appearance unmistakably southern, approached him and timidly inquired:

"Can you direct me to the Metropolitan Opera House?"

The "copper" sized her up, then thrust his big chin into the air again and indifferently replied:

"Waal, yis."

He said no more, and she waited patiently for a moment. The wise boy was unmoved and stood like a dummy in his niche.

"Well," she finally inquired a little impatiently.

The copper gazed at her from over his chin and looked as though he had never seen her before.

"I asked you," she said with exasperation, "if you could direct me to the Metropolitan Opera House."

"I kin," he replied stiffly.

"Well, why don't you do it then?"

"Why, ma'am," in astonishment, "ye didn't ax me."

She looked at him pityingly for an instant, then she grew angry.

"Look here, Mr. Coppersmith, or whatever you are," she said, "if you are hired to play jokes on the public you ought to get a permit. I asked you a civil question, and you answered me with an alleged joke that is so old that it has white whiskers—a joke that Billy Emerson got off in the Boston Museum a hundred years ago. If this is your second time on earth, you ought to hang out a sign, for people might think you are an innocent little thing and steal you some warm afternoon. I want to tell you that my father is chief of police, and if you don't show me exactly where that theater is, and that within two minutes, I'll tell father the whole business and might induce him to start you on the hunt for a job."

She paused a moment, and the "coppers" attitude underwent an immediate and surprising change. He attempted to apologize, but she wouldn't have it. At a 2:40 gait he started in the direction of the theater, the young girl smiling as she toddled along at his heels. The theater reached, she smiled and said:

"There, you old relic of a forgotten past, I got even with you for your smartness. I never saw the chief of police," and she hummed a bar of "Do Not Forget Me" as she disappeared within the playhouse.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A Relic of 1776.
Captain G. W. Bullene, United States inspector of boilers, has a pocket piece which he prizes highly. It is a copper token or souvenir just the size of a silver dollar, issued by authority of the first congress and bearing the date "1776."

On one side is the familiar relief of the Goddess of Liberty, beneath the date, and over her head a group of 13 stars with spreading rays beneath them. Around these is the inscription containing the first of the self evident truths of the Declaration of Independence, viz., "These united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states." The reverse side is so worn that all the lettering cannot be read. Around the margin are the words, "By authority of the congress of the United States." Inside of this is a wreath forming a full circle, in the lower part of which appear the words, "American independence." Above these words the surface is worn, and only the letters "ion" can be made out.—Seattle Post Intelligencer.

Slow Advance Toward the North.
The difficulties that make the quest of the pole so arduous have been discovered by slow degrees. It is marvelous how soon nearly the full limits of northward attainment were reached. In 1596 Barents discovered Spitzbergen in about 78 degrees north; in 1770 Hudson reached 80 degrees; in 1827 Parry, by sledging on the ice when his ship became fast, succeeded in touching 82 degrees 45 minutes. Since then all the enormous resources of modern science—steam, electricity, preserved foods and the experience of centuries—have only enabled 40 miles of additional poleward advance to be made.—McClure's Magazine.

Fade of the Paris Young Men.
The superfluous young men in Paris, according to the imaginative correspondent, not content with more boot laces, have plaster casts made of their legs from the waist down, with the object of keeping both their trousers, their knee breeches and even their underwear in proper shape. One youth, with more money than brains, has an entire room of his residence devoted to the reception of some 60 pairs of plaster of paris counterparts of his legs, and nothing is more peculiar than the spectacle presented by this army of fully clothed limbs standing about without any trunk and head.

Two Weighty Reasons.
"Halloo, old chap, looking for fresh lodgings? Why so?"
"Oh, for two reasons: First, because my late landlord's daughter played the piano all day long; and, secondly, because he turned me out for not paying my rent."—Exchange.

Bacteria in the Soil.

Some investigations carried out by Dr. Alexander A. Houston of Edinburgh respecting the number of bacteria in the soil at different depths from the surface go to prove that the micro-organisms become less and less abundant as the depth from the surface increases. For example, the average number of germs in a gram of soil examined, which was taken from the surface, was 1,687,799. At a depth of 3 feet this average fell to 173,807, and at a depth of 6 feet it was only 419. These figures are interesting and would tend to show that at a certain definite distance from the surface the soil would be sterile.—British Medical Press.

Are Men Mostly Fools?
"England has 30,000,000 people, mostly fools," wrote Carlyle. "Bah!" cries the populace. "It is the case of a boy seeing a green world through a green glass." Possibly. Possibly not. It may be the unwilling but enforced conclusion of an experienced sage. Men have testified so often, and so often he has found in his wide and long experience that their testimony was untrue. Still he hesitates to call them liars. He hardly believes that they willfully falsified; hence he softens his conclusions into "fools." The fool is scarcely responsible for his statements.—Boston Commonwealth.

The Answer of a City Boy.
Fond Parent—Well, Bobby, how are you getting along at Sunday school? Do you think you could answer a question in Bible history?
Bobby—I guess so.
Fond Parent—Tell me, then, why was Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt?
Bobby—For being too fresh.—Club.

Ask a Policeman.
A little negro does the waiting and errand running of a fashionable boarding house on West Fourth street. He is not very well posted about Cincinnati and Cincinnati ways, as his home is in the country. The lady in charge of the house made some purchases at the Woman's Exchange and left them, with instructions that she would send her colored boy for them. Sam received instructions as to the name and location and started. But the noise and hurry of the street upset his limited supply of reasoning faculties, and he was barely able to reach home, leaving his errand undone.

The lady said in surprise: "Why, what was the matter, Sam? Couldn't you find the place?" "No'm," said Sam. "I dun looked, and after a bit I axed a policeman whuh de Ladies' Trade was, and he said he blamed if he knew, and den I cum back. For if a policeman den't know duh wan't no use for a niggah boy like me to hunt."—Cincinnati Tribune.

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